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Edward Jenner and his "Temple of Vaccinia"

Edward Jenner was born at Berkeley in Gloucestershire in 1749 and lived there for most of his life. Though he also spent some time in Cheltenham as well (see B.M.J., 8 October, p. 899), most of his work—and particularly that on vaccination—was done at Berkeley. Jenner's old house, the Chantry, is now the vicarage, and the summerhouse he called the "Temple of Vaccinia" is in its garden. A group of doctors in the West Country have recently formed a Jenner Trust, which has three main aims: to restore the Temple of Vaccinia; to ensure that it is kept in permanent repair; and to form a small museum in Phipps's house, which Jenner built for James Phipps—the boy who at the age of 8 was the first person to be vaccinated.

Besides representatives from Berkeley itself, general practitioners, and Gloucester Royal Infirmary, members of the Trust also include doctors representing the Royal Society, the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Surgeons, and the College of Pathologists.

The first meeting of the Trust, which has already received gifts of over £100, is to be held in Bristol on 23 November, and an appeal for funds is to be launched. The secretary of the Trust is Dr. A. M. G. Campbell and its treasurer Dr. J. Macrae, of 79 Pembroke Road, Bristol 8.

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Phipps's cottage. Edward Jenner. "Temple of Vaccinia."



The Chantry.